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30 June 2004- PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of an indictment¹ against, **Raul Esteve, Ibel Blanch, Ricardo Cruz, Pedro Rissquet, Leopoldo Morell-Estevez, David Calhoun, David Guterrez, and Robert Garcia**. The indictment charges all of the defendants with conspiracy to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine. **Esteve** is charged with twelve counts of distribution of cocaine and two counts of possession with intent to distribute cocaine. **Blanch** is charged with two counts of distribution. **Cruz, Risquet and Calhoun** are charged with possession with intent to distribute. **Morell-Estevez** is charged with five counts of distribution. **Gutierrez** is charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. **Garcia** is charged with one count of distribution.

From July 2004 through February 3, 2005, the defendants distributed and possessed with the intent to distribute a total of more than five kilograms of a cocaine. The defendants were members of a cocaine distribution organization that was operated and managed by **Esteve** and **Blanch**, who were partners in both the drug organization and the Tire Doctor, an automotive repair shop, located at 2353 North 2nd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The organization stored cocaine at a house owned by **ESTEVE** located at 760 East Ruscomb Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

DEFENDANT	ADDRESS	DATE OF BIRTH
Raul Esteve	Philadelphia, PA	September 2, 1961
Ibel Blanch	Philadelphia, PA	February 5, 1965
Ricardo Cruz	Philadelphia, PA	March 14, 1962
Pedro Risquet	Union City, NJ	May 19, 1960
Leopoldo Morrell-Estevez	Philadelphia, PA	December 20, 1966
David Calhoun	Philadelphia, PA	October 11, 1965

¹ An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

David Gutierrez	Philadelphia, PA	January 22, 1961
Robert Garcia	Philadelphia, PA	January 12, 1983

If convicted **ESTEVE** faces mandatory life imprisonment, 5 years of supervised release, a \$23,000,000 fine, and a \$1500 special assessment.

If convicted **BLANCH** faces life imprisonment with a mandatory minimum of 10 years imprisonment, 5 years supervised release, a \$8,000,000 fine, and a \$300 special assessment.

If convicted **CRUZ** faces life imprisonment with a mandatory minimum 25 years imprisonment, 5 years supervised release, a \$12,000,000 fine, and a \$300 special assessment.

If convicted **RISQUET** faces life imprisonment with a mandatory minimum 25 years imprisonment, 5 years supervised release, a \$12,000,000 fine, and a \$300 special assessment.

If convicted **MORELL-ESTEVEZ** faces life imprisonment with a mandatory minimum of 10 years imprisonment, 5 years supervised release, a \$8,000,000 fine, and a \$600 special assessment.

If convicted **CALHOUN** faces life imprisonment with a mandatory minimum 25 years imprisonment, 5 years supervised release, a \$14,000,000 fine, and a \$200 special assessment.

If convicted **GUTIERREZ** faces life imprisonment with a mandatory minimum 25 years imprisonment, 5 years supervised release, a \$10,500,000 fine, and a \$300 special assessment.

If convicted **GARCIA** faces life imprisonment with a mandatory minimum of 10 years imprisonment, 5 years supervised release, a \$8,000,000 fine, and a \$200 special assessment.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Internal Revenue Service, the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, the Bucks County District Attorney's Office, the Philadelphia Police Department and the Bensalem Police Department. This case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Kenya S. Mann.

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